[METHOD FOR ARRANGING MANDARIN PHONETIC SYMBOLS ON A KEYPAD]

Abstract of Disclosure

A method for arranging 37 Mandarin Phonetic Symbols (MPS) on a keypad includes arranging the 37 symbols onto 12 keys of the keypad. With this particular arrangement, a maximum number of combinations of MPS generated by pressing three keys on the keypad is reduced from 48 to 16, making input of Chinese characters considerably faster and more convenient.